picion from him on account of her sudden dis-appearance. In one letter he wrote:

THE CANTEND_YAME CONTANT, J 701 AND 705 SIXTY-THERD STREET, J CHICAGO, Oct. 31. 1892.

Fig. A. Smythe Increasing Chicago, that 31 1892.

By A. Smythe Asia interested as a witness; that she all the smyth asia in fear in communi-sating with use the directly or indepently on Mr. Conners account, and if she does not desire to come here that we want arrangements made for having her deposition taken wherever she resides. Furthermore, if also does not wish to make known her place of residence, money will be furnished her to go to some other place than where she resides for the taking of this deposition. There are at least two housand dollar \$2,000 deposition on her testimony, and it will be very much to be furnered to take a part in this. Kindly is me hear from you as soon as possible in regard to this matter. But respectfully. H. Houses, 701 Sixy-third street, Mrs. Conner the satisforches he may have thought no symmatics takend Mr. Conner from the fact that my symmatics takend Mr. Conner from the fact that and child are entitled to and will always receive my sympatics out any to the interest, and both herself and child are entitled to and will always receive my sympatics and protection.

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The Campell Yates Compant.

For A. Smythe, Perempor Chicago, Nov. 2, 1892.

Mrs. A. Smythe, Perempor Chicago, Nov. 1, in answer to my recombinity of the same control of the more referent that you knew where Mrs. Commer was and that she was displeased with us on account of our taking a neutral stand in her difficulty with her husband. If you do not know where she is cand your letter convinces me that you do not), we are certainly worried in regard to be welfare. Two letters were received from her after she left Chicago, and both datel St. Louis. She fold me the day thats lewent away, as well as Mr. Beiknap, an old man with whom she was very well acquainted, that she was going to St. Louis to remain with an aunt, or at least a relative, and she left here with the ancestaining that she should communicate with us at any time relative to certain law matters in which she was a witness. So was given to uniterstand that she would be one here ber expenses would be mis. There were some drits which she was only the received another letter which was way, much less the peremposition of the peremposition of the received another letter which was written in a dieguised hand, evidently an attempt to imitate her writing. The police believe that they unearthed Mrs. Conner's body in their search in the Castle found were all that was left of the little daughter.

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whose name is printed in the list of the missing.
It is known that she worked for Holmes and
disappeared suddenly. This was in the Castle.

MR. BELKNAP'S NARROW ESCAPE.

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Several persons believe that their escape from the cintches of Holmes while he was in Chicago was little short of marvellous. One of them is Jonathan S. Belknap, who lives at Western Mills. N. Y. Belknap is a granduncle of wife No. 2 of Holmes. His name was forged by Holmes in an effort to get possession of some property. He went to the Castle and confronted Holmes, who tried to show Mr. Belknap that no harm was intended by the drawing of the forged deed. He stayed until bedtime and then Holmes insisted that he should remain over night in the house, telling him he would provide him with comfortable sleeping quarters. Belknap consented and was led up winding stairways and through dark passages to what he believes to have been the top floor of the building. He was ushered into a room in which there were no windows and to which there was but one entrance. There Holmes bade him good fight.

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Mr. Belknap lighted the gas and went to bed, He had heard stories about Holmes and was a bit scared. He didn't go to sleep. About an hour after he had got in bed the gas light suddenly went out. There was no draught in the room and no apparent reason for its going out. Belknap jumped out of bed, and striking a match lighted it again. Then he was thoroughly rightened. He lay awake an hour or so longer. Some time after midnight he was disturbed by the shuffling of feet on the stairway and almost immediately thereafter a key was inserted in the tock outside and an attempt was made to force back the bolt. Belknap jumped up again and opened the floor. He found Pat Quinlan outside. Quinlan was startled by his appearence. He said that he'd come home late and finding himself lecked out of his own room had come to Mr. Belknap's to ask him if he might not sleep with him. Belknap slammed the door, yelled "No," and sat up the rest of the night.

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HOLMES A PETTY THIEF, ALSO.

This is a sample of half a dozen stories that are told by as many different men, who are all going around now patting themselves on the back and congratulating themselves on their good luck in not having cone to sleep in the Castle on Holmes's invitation.

Of crimes other than murder of which Holmes is accused, there is a large variety, and some of them are interesting. He purchased \$2,500 worth of furniture of the Fraby Furniture Company of Chicago, and promised to settle in a few days. The furniture was delivered in the afternoon, and was stored in one of the secret rooms of the Castle. The door of the room was then taken off, and a solid brick wall built in its place. Then that side of the room was papered over. A collector came around and demanded payment for the furniture. Holmes said that no furniture had been delivered, and gave the collector leave to search the house. No furniture was found.

EVEN SOLD STOLEN CHICAGO WATER!

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During the World's Fair Holmes did a big
business in mineral water. He tapped one of
the Chicago water mains, and sold the water at
5 cents a glass. It had the peculiar pearl color
of Chicago water, and people who didn't know
Chicago thought it was great stuff. He got up
what he called a patent gas machine, and sold
the patent to a Canadian for \$2,500. The ma-

of Chicago water, and people who didn't know Chicago thought it was great stuff. He got up what he called a patent gas machine, and sold the patent to a Canadian for \$2.500. The machine wouldn't make anything, but Holmes letenough gas into the room to convince the Canadian. He pretended to have a patent glasscurving machine, which he succeeded in disposing of for nearly as much more.

He worked people through the allas of H. S. Campbell. He would go to a man and buy a large quantity of stuff on credit. The man would want recommendations, and Holmes would bring a letter from H. S. Campbell of the Campbell-Yates Manufacturing Company, offering to be security for him for any amount. The scheme generally succeeded. He did a business, too, in bicycle stealing. He would get a sample bicycle from a concern and sell it atonce. There were plenty of business. These crimes are, of course, all petty affairs compared with the others that have been told about. They are mentioned simply to show the wide range of the abilities of this very remarkable criminal.

The Campbell-Yates Company, of which Holmes was the boss, was supposed to buy and sell anything. It bought everything on credit; sold everything for cash. The A. B. C. Copler Company was a genuine concern. It had something of its own to dispose of, and connected with it was Thomas B. Hryan, who was one of the Vice-Presidents of the Columbian Exposition. His connection with it shows Holmes's ability to get in with all classes of citizens. Holmes was an expert fliminammer when it came to selling stores. He would sell a man a store and take cash for it, and when the man came into possession he would find, like the clerk in the rural bakery, that he had got the wrong envelope. When Holmes got possession of a piece of property he would deed it to himself under a nother name and then would get his second self to deed it to himself under a third name. Then it would be in the hands of innocent parties and the owner couldn't recover it. The incorporators of the Campbell-Yates Co

ATTEMPT TO COLLECT INSURANCE ON RIMSELP. ATTEMPT TO COLLECT INSURANCE ON HIMSELF,
The attempted crime that best shows the
nerve of the man is one which he confesses and
which occurred at Providence, R. I. He got his
life insured for \$20,000. Then he went to Providence, lived at a hotel a couple of days and
looked round for a body. He had a beard at the
time. When he procured a body that was about
his size he took it out in the woods and cut off
the head. Then he got shaved, went back to
the same hotel, registered under another name,
and asked if Mr. H. H. Holmes was there. The
clerk said Mr. Hishmes had been out all the
morning, but he expected him in pretty soon.
Helmes waited a long time for himself and then
went away. At the end of a few days he had
the body discovered and went out and identified
it as H. H. Holmes, his friend, whom he had
come to Providence to see. The scheme didn't
work, and he had to skip out of Providence.

Holmes's Mysterious Castle.

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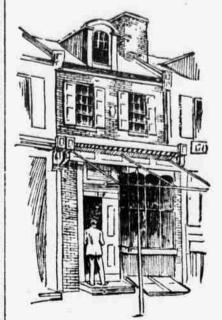
In the story of Holmes and his crimes there is nothing more interesting than the description of his Castle, where he is accused of having provided all sorts of devices for disposing of his victims. The Castle is at 701 Sixty-third street, Chicago. "It was built," say the Chicago police, "with the sole idea of convenience for the commission of crime." Holmes built it himself. He selected the workmen. They were men whom he could trust. But besides this he did not let any of them work long enough on the building to be come acquainted with all the ins and outs of the place. Pitzel was one of the very few men he trusted. Pitzel aided him in the erection of the building. Until the Chicago police began their investigation of the place two weeks ago, Holmes and I'at Quinlan were the only men alive who knew anything to speak of about the interior of the place. The building is three atories high. The style

of architecture suggests the name the Castle. In the main it was built with the idea of renting it out as flats and for business purposes. It was in Holmes's spartments and in the basement that the secrets were found. The rooms used as offices by Holmes were in the front of the building. Both rooms were on the second floor, just the rear of the offices. From Holmes's own bathroom there was a secret stairway leading to the street and also to the basement. The eatrance to it was through a trap door in the floor of the bathroom. This door was conceated by smashed up in a railroad wreck and his mind a rug. There was a chute running from the roof having become a blank until a few days before. the cellar, with an entrance in the bath-

room through the trep door, and there was a blind wall between the secret stairway and the chute. On the third floor of the building there were also trap doors. One led into a room which was used as the laboratory of the drug store, which was on the level with the street, and another led into the bathroom. On the first floor in Holmes's offices there were vaults capable of being made airtight, and built around so that no sound could ever be heard from them. Then there were rooms with no means of ventilation except the door. When that was closed no air could get in.

It was in the cellar that the police made their

greatest discoveries. The first day the laborers worked there was an explosion of gas. They had discovered a tank in one corner of the place. Strange odors came from it. It was dark in the cellar, and one of the men struck a match. The explosion followed. The nature of the gas was not discovered, for the explosion consumed it all. Another tank, 14x16 feet, was found. It was made of sheet iron, and was entirely covered by the celiar floor. There was no apparent entrance. In the bottom were found some bones, which were believed to be those of human beings. In an ash pile near by were found pieces of linen that were blood-stained. There was also a fire box or furnace in the basement. It was built into the wail. There was a grate covered with sheet iron seven-eights of an inch thick. Underneath was another grate intended to held the fire. The top of the furnace was two feet six inches above the top grate. There was an iron flue from the furnace which led to a tank. There was no other entrance to the tank. Altogether it was a most peculiar arrangement, and nobody could guess what it was for. At the botton of a vault was a white fluid which gave forth an overpowering odor. In a hole in the middle of the cellar more bones were found. In the gas was not discovered, for the explosion



WHERE PITZEL WAS MURDERED.

where pitzel was murdered,
a pile of débris was a letter written by Holmes
to a druggist. In it, it is said, was this significant inquiry.
"Bo you ever see anything of the ghosts of the
Williams girls, and do they trouble you much
now?

In another part of the cellar, buried four feet
under the surface, a pile of bones were found.
They have been declared by physicians to be
the bones of a child between six and eight years
of age. There were seventeen rils, part of a
spinal column, and a collar bone and a hip bone.
In another hole, near this one, were two brick
vaults, in each of which was a quantity of
quicklime. In a store was found a gold watchchain which has been identified as one worn by
Miss Williams. In another place a bunch of
human hair, evidently a woman's, was found.
Of arrangements for getting rid of bodies or
anything else that needed to be disposed of,
there was no end in this building. Holmes's
friends called the mysterious arrangements gas
generators, glass melting machines, and the
like. Ferhapa they were. Holmes swindled
people with alleged patent rights in machines
for these purposes. These may never have been
used for any other than swindling purposes.

The articulator of skeletons hired by Holmes
is worthy of particular mention. He was C. M.
Chappell. He is a little man, with a receding
forehead and not a prepossessing face. He says
that of a man. Each of the bodies, he said, hal
been mutilated so as to provent recognition, the
skin having been taken from the face, though
the flesh remained. Considerable doubt was expressed as to the truth of Chappell's story at
first, but he began telling other things about the
house, which were investigated and were found
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Chappell says that he became acquainted with Holmes first through an advertisement inserted late in October, 1892, calling for a man who could articulate a skeleton. He is not a professional in the business, but he don't mind working at it, and that is the reason he asked for and got the job. Hedmes told him that the bodies were obtained from a graveyard.

"From Holmes's private graveyard," is the comment of the Chicago police.

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There are a lot of stories about the methods Holm studed to put his alleged victims out of the way. They are of course, all speculation. The favorite theory is that he suffocated his victims. In the room in the Castle which he used as an office there was a steel dummy vault, which was practically airtight. In the case of the women who worked for him, he may have asked them to step in and set a checkbook or any other book, and then slammed the door shut. This vault is surrounded by solid masonry, and a person might yell as loud as a locomotive's whistle and never be heard. Suffocation would occur very quickly. In the case of people like Helkuap, who could not be inveigled into a vault, Holmes may have got them into a room like Helknap's without means of ventilation. He may then have blown into a gaspipe in some other part of the house. The blowing would extinguish the gas, but the menent it was stopped the gas would flow again. After killing a victim in this casey way the body would be cut up and either burned in the furnace or put into one of the vaults down stairs with quicklime, when it would noon be consumed. Gas, it will be remembered, was the method supposed to have been used in the murder of the Pitzel children in Toronto.

Holmes's Capture.

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Holmes's capture was one of the best pieces of detective work that has been done in recent years. The Philadelphia police give the credit to H. La Forrest Perry of the Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company. Mr. Perry is not a detective by profession and objects to having his name printed in connection with the case. Nevertheless he is the man who directed the work. Holmes disappeared after disposing of the Pitchels he is the man who directed the work. Holmes disappeared after disposing of the Pitches he is the man who directed the work. Holmes disappeared after disposing of the Pitches he is the man who directed the work. Holmes disappeared after disposing of the Pitches he is the man who directed the work. Holmes disappeared after disposing of the Pitches he work are decreased in trunks away and hourd in the word of the form and the work and the was discovered that letters were being sent to him under the oams of Howard, in care of a broker name of Howard, in care of a broker name of Howard in the case of the store of the cities of the letters were being sent to him under the oams of Howard in the case of the country with the United States mail. The detective started from Chicago Blackman forwarded the letters to a town in New Hampshire. The detective started from Chicago and the trunks away and the profession is at perfect illerty to convert the form of the story of the state to arrive, saw it addressed by the Postmaster, and then started out to beat the letter to the next town. He did it. He lay in wait until Holmes came of his first wife. She received him as one returned from the dead life told her a story about having been smalled and articulated. I don't want it to be an analysed of the convert of th Holmes's capture was one of the best pieces of

ture, and the memory of his child all came back to him. He started right out to find her. He couldn't stay that night, he said, for he wanted to see his dear old father and mother, but he would return to ber soon. He departed. He appeared at his mother's house with presents for her, including a lot of dress goods and a patchwork quilt. He had storen these from the widow of the man and the mother of the children he was accused of murdering. He went from his old home to Boston, shadowel all the way by the Pinkerton men who had been engaged. There he was arrested. He was not surprised, it was after his arrest that he began to make the mistake of his life. He was told that Mr. Perry of the Insurance company was after him. He said when he heard that, "Weil, I'll tell him all about it," From that day to this Holmes has been telling stories—ingenious stories. patchwork quilt. He had storen these from the

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First he told the insurance man that he was guilty of a conspiracy to swindle the insurance company. The body in Philadelphia, he confessed, was not that of Pitzel, but a substitute, and Pitzel was in South America. The company wanted Mrs. Pitzel also on a charge of conspiracy, and Holmes sent for her. She came and was arrested. She told all she knew about the conspiracy. She was saked where her husband was and what had become of her children. She told how Holmes had got the children from her and of his promises to bring her to her husband and to them. She described her wanderings with Holmes.

Then Holmes was asked again where Pitzel was. He said he saw him hast in Detroit, that he knew then that the detectives were after both of them, and that he put Pitzel in a trunk and drove him out of town two miles. Then he let him out. In the afternoon he took the children to their father, and he never saw any of the party again.

HOLMES'S STORY OF PITZEL'S DEATH.

Holmes and Mrs. Pitzel were taken to Philadelphia. On the way Holmes ofered to give Detective Crawford \$500 if he would let himself be hypnotized. The offer was declined. When he was arraigned for trial on the charge of consultancy to defraud the insurance company he pleaded guilty after one day had been taken up with the trial. The plea was accepted, the officials say, simply because it was a convenient way to hold him until the detectives had time to find the Pitzel children. After this Holmes sent for an insurance man again. He said to him:

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"I have decided to make a clean breast of this thing now."

He went on and said that the body found in Philadelphia was really the body of Pitzel and that Pitzel had committed suicide.

"I was with Pitzel the night before he killed himself," Holmes said. "Pitzel told me he wan no good to anybody and he would kill himself." Well, Holmes says he said, 'your body is as good as any other, but I wouldn't advise you to do anything rash,' "and then he left him. He called the following morning and found a note on the kitchen floor. The note said.

Go up to the second floor and open a closet, in which you will find a bius bottle. It contains a note addressed to you.

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You will find my body on the third floor. I have been contemplating this act for some time. You will remember! I fold you of my intention before. I do not care to live any longer. Get the money from the insurance company and give it to Mrs. Pitzet and the children.

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"Then," said Holmes, "I went to the third story. The body lay upon its back on the floor and from the celling was suspended a string, on the end of which was a cloth saturated with chloroform, which was placed about the dead man's mouth. In this manner Pitzel had taken his life. I was much disconcerted by the discovery I had made and sat in the room where the body was for fully an hour. I hardly knew what course to pursue, but finally I came to the conclusion that as Pitzel had taken his life there would be harm in destroying evidence of suicide, so that there would be no obstacle in the way of getting the insurance on his life.

"I picked the body up and carried it down stairs. I pried open the mouth and poured in a quantity of exploding chemicals, after which I applied a match. The explosion caused the burns that were found. Then I got a pipe and filled it with tobacco and lighted it, and after smoking it a while I threw it on the floor beside the body. I placed some chemicals on the floor to convey the idea that an explosion had occurred through the carciessness of Pitzel in lighting his pipe. I left the house then and went to Chicago."

An official says that after Holmes made this statement, to the insurance man and signed it the insurance man said:

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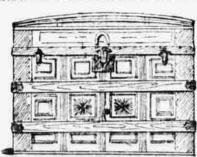
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"Then this good friend took a bottle of whiskey and poured out a drink. He said. "Drink it fast, old man; till burn a little, spoontrule, in two drops, he put in two stablespoontrule, and the mind the put in the put in

Holmes led the Philadelphia officials a wild gooss hunt after the Pitzel children. He told them he gave the boy Howard to Munie Williams and that Munie took the boy to Niagara Falls. Then he said he had turned all the children over to a man named Hatch, to whom he



TRUNK IN WHICH THE PITZEL GIRLS WERE ASPHYNIATED.

had given \$1,400 to pay their expenses. If they were killed, he declared, Hatch killed them.

When he mentioned the name of Minnie Williams it started the Chicago police on their investigation of the Castle. Finally Holmes told the story of his connection with them. He said that he had employed Minnie, who fell in love with him. Minnie sent for her sister to come and visit them. The sister came, and also fell in love with him. Minnie became jealous, and one night when he came home he discovered that she had hit Name on the head and killed her. It was done in a fit of passion. He pitzle her. It was done in a fit of passion. He pitzle her. It was done in a fit of passion. He pitzle her. It was done in a fit of passion. He pitzle her. It was done in a fit of passion. He pitzle her. It was done in a fit of passion with her. She was still living there, he said, and he gave an address on a street in London that has no existence. Again he said that Minnie could be reached by a personal in a New York paper. He got the District Attorney to insert the following:

MINNIE WILLIAMS, ADELE COVELLE, GERAL, M. dine Wanda-Applentium to CRE. ERILLET Ion PREEL ARBOUT PEACUED IN INDIES. AND THE WILLIAMS, ADELE COVELLE, GERAL, M. dine Wanda-Applentium to CRE. ERILLET Ion PREEL ARBOUT PEACUED IN ADDRESS. ARBOUT HE WILLIAMS, CARLES GRABHAM, City Hall, Philadepphia, Fenn. U. S. A.

Of course nothing came of it, After the bones were found in the Chicago house he said:

"It is quite a while ago that I made a statement to the Philadelphia authorities that they were habit to find human bones hidden in different places throughout the country. I then frankly admitted that I had been engaged in some other insurance swindles which did not pan out. One was for a \$40,000 policy, but the achome had to be abandoned when in an embryonic state, as the officers of the commany suspected our game. Our idea was to have a woman and boy found murdered some morning in their home, and then to have the dead TRUNK IN WHICH THE PITZEL GIRLS WERE ASPHYXIATED.

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much profit after selling the skeletons to my customers, all of whom were medical men. I had some dealings with other articulators whom the police can locate if they only keep awake, but I am inclined to think that would be rather a difficult matter. I am as inspects of murder as a new-born babe."

These extracts from statements made by Holmes are merely samples of his ability in the statement making line. There is one other of particular interest. It refers to Miss Julia Conner. He said when accused of her murder:

"She got in trouble and had a criminal operation performed. She died from it."

If Holmes killed Pitzel and the Pitzel children there is no doubt that he intended to kill Mrs. Pitzel and the other two children also. He method outside of the Castle seemed to be to hire a house, put the people to be disposed of in it and then get rid of them at his leluars. He hired a house at Burlington, Vt., and sent Mrs. Pitzel and her children to it. This was about the time he was arrested. There was a can of nitro glycerine in that house. He wrote to Mrs. Pitzel about it asking her to take it from its hiding place and carry it to the attle. Perhaps he hoped she would drop it.

Whether, of all these alleged crimes, the authorities will be able to convict Hoimes of a single one is a question. The authorities in Philadelphia believe they can convict him of the murder of Pitzel. The authorities in Toronto believe they can convict him of the murder of the two Pitzel children, The Chicago authorities say there is no question of his guilt in the cases of murder they lay to his door, but they admit that they have not and cannot obtain proof sufficient to convict him of the murder in the first degree. Wherever he is tried and whatever is the outcome of his trial Holmes must certainly go down in history as one of the most remarkable criminals of the present century. The crimes which he confesses alone make him that. His audacity and daring can never be exceeded, even if they should be equalled.

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AN AMERICAN CONSUL IN ERROR As to the Nativity of Skilled Operatives in the United States.

The American Consul at Chemnitz, Germany, recently sent to the State Department at Washington a report upon German technical or industrial schools, with special reference to those at Chemnitz. The Consul falls into an error when he takes occasion to say that nearly all the leading skilled workmen in American manufacturing establishments are of foreign birth and he goes very far out of the way in the fol lowing remark; "The skilled workmen at Waltham, Waterbury, Elgin, and the other watch factories in the United States are Germans, Swiss, Swedes, Austrians, or English."

There is no doubt that this statement is erroneous. In THE SUN office there is a docu-ment that was issued by the proprietors of one of the watch factories spoken of in the Consular report from Chemnitz, and in that document there are some remarks upon the nativity of the employees. It says: "Nearly the whole of the skilled workpeople of both sexes in the establishment are Americans by birth. From the statistics of nativity which have been gathered it is learned that only five per cent, of the thousands of operatives here employed

COAL IN ALASKA.

An Exceedingly Handy Deposit Waiting for Many shrewd people in Alaska are beginning to think there would be more money just now in the coal resources of the country than in the much-talked about gold mines. The gold mines do not appear to be panning out so well lately that is, in comparison with the cost of the whole process of getting to the mines and living there while petting out the gold. The business seems to have been somewhat overboomed. But several experts who have lately been prospecting the coal resources of the coast region believe

coal getting could be made immediately profit-

On the east shore of Cook's Inlet there is a big vein of coal fully five feet thick, entirely exposed at low tide. All that is necessary to get posed at low tide. All that is necessary to get the coal is to take a crowbar and pry it out in as big blocks as desired. A recent investigation of this deposit showed that twenty feet below the first vein is another vein six feet thick, and three other veins were found in the immediate neighborhood. All the veins are horizontal and extend for miles along the shore. Considerable quantities of this coal have been used by the steamship Chehalis, which runs between Juneau and Cook's linet, and the chief engineer says it has better steaming qualities than the British Columbian coal, and is in many repects better than any other coal procurable on the Pacific coast. It does not clinker at all.

Some San Francisco people sent a big bark, with a scow and a party of miners, to this place last winter, and the bark was loaded with the coal at very little cost, and the cargo brought the speculators considerable profit. One miner has already squatted on six hundred acres of the property, and others are following his example.

THE DOCTOR'S COLUMN.

F. R., Saginaw, Mich.—On retiring at night am troubled with palpitation of the heart. An nervous and weak. Awake in the morning unrefreshed. What shall I take?

Take Cerebrine, extract of the brain, in five-drop does, three times daily, on the longue. Take Nathrolithic Sait, twice a week, one half four before breakfast, two temporaries in a tumbler of water.

1. M. D. Cleveland.—State a remedy to one who had been a substantial of the said of the Take Nathroulino sait, two before breakfast, twice shor of water, one-half hour before breakfast, twice each week. Use application of Carbolated Vaseline. Nrs. J. C. Phila. My boy suffers terribly with croup. Takes it in the hottest weather. Can you name anything that will help him? One him one drop of Cardine, extract of the heart, morning and exeming.

Miss D. W. F., Cieveland.—I have had caterrh of the heart for a long time; otherwise in good health. Will heart for a long time; otherwise in good health. Miss B. W. F., the velocity of the half for a form the part for a long time; otherwise in good health. Will you tell me of a remedy that will benefit me?

Take Carline in three-drop doses, three times daily.
Use Sathrolithic Sait to regulate the bowels. Hot bath once a west, Flenty of air and exercise. Report symptoms more fully.

F. N. E., Phila.—Am excessively nervous. Cannot keep still. Will you recommend something to help the? Take Cerebrine in five-drop doses, three times daily, on the tongue, on the tongue, the second of the control o

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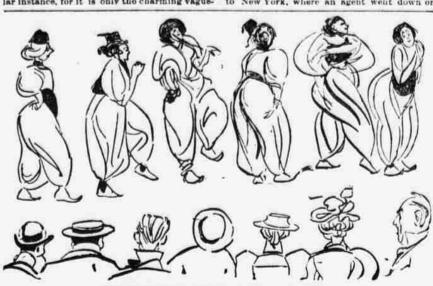
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of inconclusive information; not in this particu-us. See?" The native said he saw, and sent ove to New York, where an agent went down or



SOME OF THE ONLY ORIGINAL PATIMAS AND PREDAS.

ness with which you start out which develops your wandering into a progressive couchee-couchee search.

If anything cuts quite a figure at Coney Island, the first thing you know there are anywhere from ten to one thousand duplications of it. That's all right in some things. Take the important matter of hot frankfurters; the more there are, the better and cheaper they are. Everybody knows—everybody who can claim possession of useful and valuable information in the nursuit of life, happ'ness, and liberty—that the first hot frankfurter man sold bad frankfurters for 10 cents. Now you can get them that make life a dream of bliss for 5 cents per bliss. That is excellent; that's where competition helps out the



THE SWIFT CHICAGO SHOWMAN.

condition of mankind and promotes the gayety and serenity of South Brighton. Then, too, take this year's innovation; the hos Why, if it were not for duplication and competition, men. even those who do not think that the world is made of spending money, would deem it only a fair charge to pay twenty-five cents for one of those delicious, juicy confections made of wheaten rolls and a slice of roast beef cooked right before your eyes in front of the spit. But what has competition done? It has reduced the price of this novel delicacy to five cents: The man who put up the insane delight called shooting the chute has had to patent and copyright and protect with every device known the law and a corps of sturdy bouncers all the various devices employed in the chute in order to protect his monopoly. Even at that, he will undoubtedly have a score of imitators. But the couches-couches is without protection. Much

planists who could play the couches-couches dance.

The Chicago showman did not see anything significant about these arrivals; the normal condition of the Bowery had put him in such a daze regarding the population of Coney Island that the addition of one or two hundred weird and wild creatures coming from places all the way from Greenland's ley shore to where the camel wends its undulating way across the sands of Sahara did not excite his suspicion. The opening night was announced. On the afternoon before the night, the Chicago showman promenaded up and down the brick-haved Bowery with his couchee-couchee girls, his swordsmen, touts, and red-fezzed musicians in a procession behind him. He told the local showman that there was nothing mean about him; he said he was from Chicago, where people spouted generosity like the King Geyser of Yellowstone Park. He said he wanted to give the showmen of Coney Island a chance, free gratis and for nothing, to see his star attractions; the ladies and gentlemen of his show were going to paralyze the Bowery and draw spectators all the way from the frigid shades of breeze-swept Manhattan Beach plazza. "I'll tell you what it is, boys," he said, as he passed them, shirt sleeved, at the doors of their variety hads, "I can't help feeling a little sorry for you. Honest, I would feel real sorry if I didn't know that I'll draw such a crowd the overflow will fill your measily little shows. Say, why don't you fellows run out to Chicago some time and learn a trick or two in your business?" The scars on the lips of the smooth-faced showmen twitched a little—that was all—and the moustaches on the others bristled into a skyward angle, but none of them said a word. It was about 0 clock at night that the Chicago manager mounted a platform in front of his show and said to a smail crowd who observed him: "Ladies and gentle-



course anything unprotected in that degree—and kind—has no show in the monopoly business at Coney Island.

A man came along with a brazen voice and said he had the only and original couchee-couchee dances from the Midway Plaisance, erstwhile located in Chicago, and announced in a tone which spread from Norton's Point Light to the sand dunes east of the Oriental Hotel that he proposed to exhibit a troupe of couchee-couchers which would make the exhibitors of high-kicking ladies seek bankruptey or a midnight plunge off the end of the iron pier. He THE GUILELESS CONEY ISLANDERS.



was quite a chap in his way—which is the show
way. That is, he had a front which required an
elevator to reach; and his lack of modesty
would fill the Madison Square Garden. One
thing was unfortunate for him; he did not know
the bona file, gentine, old-fashioned, original
amusement manager of Coney Island's Howery,
the undertook to boast before them that he
would knock their shows so high that Farmer
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them together, as a cloud no bigger than a man's
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wild and woolly mug from the village of Chicago; he is throwing dummy fits to excite your sympathy. If you are here looking for sympathy, go into his show and watch the spayined chippies who are doing a buck dance, a-trying to take lonest bread from the sweet lips of the true and only Freda and Fatima, who at this minute are being chained to their chairs to keep them quiet, so anxious they are to begin the real and only couches couchee, for which we charges you only the small sum of ten cents per couches. In a minute! In a minute!

That was the cheerful recention the Chicago manager got on his opening night. He was revived later, and induced seven people to go in and sh on his unplaned planks, but the real and only Fatima said to the Chicago manager, in accents which breathed the odors of the lowaprairle. ''Say, paps, do you take me for a comeon? Do you think I am going to do my turn and get chilbiains from the frost of such a house an this? Not ha minute!' And the only Freda stopped chewing gum and drawled, 'Give it to him, Jennie: 'We don't do no dance till the ghost walks, and the ghost couldn't walk in a minute with only 70 cents in the house."

Up and down the Bowery crowds of madly excited people were desperately struggling in front of the box offices of twenty-nine shows in wild anxiety to pay for the privilege of seeing fifty-eight only and original Fatimas and Fredas. And the managers in their shirt sleeves winked at each other so solemily that as they winked the electric lights flickered and darkened. Only one spoke, and he said to the showman next him: 'Chimmie, If it wasn't dat we has such easy pie in dis new graft I believe I'd chase meet out I' Chicano and got a straight tip on de amusement business.'

So now when you go to Coney Island and think there is only one show where the only and



THE CHICAGOAN'S COLLAPSE.

original F, and F, can be seen, you are compelled to make of your visit a progressive couchec-couchee search. If your time and patience and pocketbook hold out and you visit all of them, you will have seen—so it is seriously asserted—the Simon-pure F, and F. But even if they do not noid out, and you visit only a dosen or so, you will have seen such an amazing variety of Anglo-Savon. Latin, African, East indian, Chicago, and Sandwich Island couchee-couchee that you will be likely to agree with others who hold that a progressive couchee-couchee search is one of the ways in which the innocent dwellers of Manhattan Island may extend their experience not wholly without profit.

PRINCE FERDINAND'S MOTHER. The Surpassing Statecraft of the Venerable

Princess Clementine, From the San Francisco Chroniole

Princess Clementine, mother of Prince Feathand of Bulgaria, is undoubtedly the most astate and clever of all the children of King Louis Philippe of France. She is the only woman who can boast of having downed Prince Bismarck at his own game, and is renowned throughout the length and breadth of Europe for her statecraft, her diplomacy, and for her political prescience and sagneity. To her more than anybody else is due the wonderful progress and present prosperity of Bulgaria, and if Prince Ferdinand alone, among all the Old World sovereigns, has been able to dispense with a civil list and to pay out of his own pocket the greater part of the expenses of his really luxurious and grandly appointed court, it is due to the munificance of his mother.

Princess Clementine is the youngest of Louis Philippe's four daughters. Her mother, in one of her letters, spoke, of her as lively and impetuous. A good deal of this remains. But she commands her tongue as though she were an old state-man, and if her inspulses remain still quick they never hurry her into rashness. She has a light, bluish-gray eye and her face is a beaming one, which is not a characteristic often found associated with a strongly hooked nose. In her case the hook is not long at the base, but that of a bird. She has a lively way of adjusting the instrument to her car, and she studies with a soft smile and inquiring expression the countenance of her interlocutor. Her language is choice and cash when she converses must speak to her through an car trumpet by means of an aconstic tube. She has a lively way of adjusting the instrument to her car, and she studies with a soft smile and inquiring expression the countenance of her interlocutor. Her language is choice and easy when she speaks French. She can chat and write in English, German, and Hungarian. Michelet was her professor of history when she was a young girl, and she devoted herself with success to music, and especially to the hare.

Although several years older than Queen Wictoria she is still very aiert

A Social Function in Kentucky.

Prom the Courier-Journal.

Greenup, Ky., July 26.—A big dance on Brueiny fork of Tygart Creek Wednesday night, which was attended by a majority of the people of that and adjoining neighborhoods, ended with a sensational incident. George Daniels and Jack Spencer were rivals for the hand of Miss Lotta West, and Daniels accompanied her to the dance, as proceeding which so curaced Spencer that he did not attend the dance, but seemed a commanion and went hunting. About it o'clock their dogs caught a skunk, which they intended to take home.

On their way Fame they were compelled to pass like house where the dance was in progress.